4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving an indication from the second terminal of whether the desired messaging session has been accepted.

Add the following claims:

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving a request indicating a desired interactive, text-based chat session.

28. (New) The server of claim 19, wherein the text-based messaging session comprises an interactive, text-based chat session.

29. (New) The server of claim 19, wherein the controller is adapted to further send messaging to perform a reverse log-on procedure with the destination terminal.

30. (New) The article of claim 20, wherein the instructions when executed cause the system to establish the text-based messaging session by establishing an interactive, text-based chat session.

31. (New) A server for use in a communications system having a plurality of communities coupled by a network, each community associated with a different service provider, comprising:

an interface adapted to receive a request from a first community to establish an interactive, text-based chat session between a first terminal in the first community and a second terminal in a second community; and

a controller adapted to process the request on behalf of the second terminal in the second community to establish the interactive, text-based chat session.

## REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 10, 2001, the title was objected to; claims 1-7, 9, 10, 13-21, and 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 6,035,327 (Buckley); and claims 8, 11, 12, 16, 17, and 22 were rejected under § 103 over Buckley in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,175,619 (DeSimone).